

### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in order to facilitate processing of the above-identified application.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended in order to make explicit what is implicit in the claim. The amendment is unrelated to a statutory requirement for patentability.

Applicants respectfully submit that nothing in *Hoshino et al* shows, teaches or suggests a) an information display means which receives and displays a portion of output information which is not encrypted from the IC card and b) a relay means which merely relays encryption information received from a roadside by a transmitting/receiving means to a IC card and relays the information encrypted by the IC card to the transmitting/receiving means in an undecoded state.

New claim 26 has been added and recites additional features. Applicants respectfully submit that this claim is also in condition for allowance.

Thus it now appears that the application is in condition for reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time.

The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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